1. How has God spoken?

## **Hebrews**

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1) At various times 2) In various ways 3) In time past 4) To the fathers 5) By the prophets B. God has spoken in Jesus Christ. 1:2-3 1) He is the Son 2) He is the heir of all things 3) He made the ages / worlds 4) He is the brightness of divine glory 5) He is the express image of divine personhood 6) He upholds all things 7) He purged our sins 8) He sat down in Heaven 2. The superiority of Christ to angels 1:4-14 1) He is the Son

A. God spoke in the Old Testament era. 1:1

- 2) He receives worship from angels 1:6 3) He uses angels as ministers 1:7 4) He is the divine King 1:8-9 5) He is the unchanging Creator 1:10-12 6) He is the appointed Messiah 1:13-14 2:1-4 2:1
- 3. Warning
  - A. We must make a commitment to Biblical truth
  - B. We must not be indifferent toward Biblical truth 2:2-3
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- 4. The Dominion of Man 2:5-9
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    - 1) Psalm 8:1-3
    - 2) Genesis 1:26-31
  - B. Dominion lost at the Fall
  - C. Dominion regained through Christ 2:9
    - 1) He became human
    - 2) He suffered in death
    - 3) He was crowned with glory and honor
    - 4) He manifested the grace of God
    - 5) He tasted death
    - 6) He died for all
- 5. How can Christ meet your needs? 2:10-18
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  - B. Concern over relationships: He can make you part of His family 2:11-13

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- C. Concern over death: He can set you free 2:14-15
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- 6. Consider Him
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    - 2) Holy
    - 3) Partakers of the heavenly calling
    - 4) Confessors
  - B. Because of who He is 3:2-6
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  - 3) Keep a watch on your heart3:12
  - 4) Encourage on another 3:13
  - 5) Persevere in faith 3:14,19
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- A. The meaning of rest
  - 1) The place of total enjoyment of God's promises and provisions

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- 2) The place where you actively trust God and obey Him
- 3) The place where God sustains you
- B. Three key principles
  - 1) A believer can enjoy today the rest of God by faith
  - 2) A believer can fail to experience the rest of God
  - 3) A believer should allow the Word of God to examine him hood of Christ 4:14-16
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  - A. He is great because of:
    - 1) Where He is
    - 2) Who He is
    - 3) What He is
    - 4) What He can do
  - B. Our privileges:
    - 1) Let us hold fast our confession
    - 2) Let us come boldly to the thrown of grace
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    - 3) Baby-food diet
    - 4) No skill in applying the Word to life experiences

B. Marks of maturity

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- 1) Reception of substantial spiritual food
- 2) Application of Scriptures to life experiences
- 3) Solid Biblical and moral choices
- C. Exhortations 6:1-3
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  - 2) We must go on to spiritual maturity
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  - 2) Tasted of the heavenly gift
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  - 4) Tasted the Word of God
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